4. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and the GRP is done at all levels.

5. Announcements are made through Public Address System and CCTV at important railway stations to alert the travelling passengers against any suspicious looking and abandoned objects in trains and Railway premises. Passengers are warned not to touch the suspicious looking articles, but to inform Police/RPF or Railway authorities.

6. RPF sniffer dogs, wherever available, are being deployed at Railway platforms, yards etc. to sniff out explosive substances. RPF men are being trained in the identification and detection of explosive devices.

7. RPF Assistance Posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.

8. Periodic high level co-ordination meetings with Government Railway Police and local police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

(c) Does not arise.

Rail network in mountainous regions

3845. SHR1 LALITSURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways propose to extend the existing railway network in the mountainous regions, beyond Shimla, Darjeeling, Nainital and other places;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) if reply to part (a) is in negative, whether the Railways would now think of extending the railway network beyond the existing hill terminals so as to enable the people of remote mountainous areas to reap the benefits of development in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) At present there is no specific proposal to extend railway lines beyond Shimla and Darjeeling.

Nainital is not connected by the railway line. However, the expansion of railway network is an ongoing process and the new line projects are taken up on operational and other considerations from time to time. Further, a number of railway projects are already in progress, some of which would be providing rail connectivity to the remote, hilly and mountainous areas of the country.

Track circuits

3846. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) in how many sections track circuiting has been completed so far;

(b) what is the present backlog; and

(c) time frame to complete the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Track circuiting works have been completed on Indian Railways as per following details :

SI. No.	Type of track circuit	Total locations provided with track circuit so far
1.	Fouling Mark (FM) to Fouling Mark (run thru line)	4118
2.	FM to Block Section Limit (BSL) (straight portion)	3612
3.	Home to FM (straight portion)	3169
4.	FM to BSL (turnout portion)	3009
5.	Home to FM (turnout portion)	2885
6.	Loopline	2675

(b) The work of FM to FM track circuiting is in progress at all balance stations upto 'E' route. Works of FM to BSL track circuiting are in progress on complete main line upto \D' spl. route and on straight portion upto 'D' route.

(c) All the sanctioned, in progress, track circuiting works are likely to be completed by 2006-07.